

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A software application for transmitting electronic mail from a sender to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

code for enabling the sender to input a message;
code for enabling the sender to append an attachment to the message;

code for enabling the sender to designate at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message and the attachment; and

code for enabling the sender to designate at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message without the attachment.

2. A software application according to claim 1, wherein the sender and the recipients are computers connected to a network.

3. A software application according to claim 2, wherein the network is the Internet.

4. A software application according to claim 2, wherein the network is a local area network (LAN).

5. A software application according to claim 2, wherein the network is a wide area network (WAN).

6. A software application according to claim 1, further comprising:

code for enabling the recipient to create and edit a recipient profile, the profile including the

recipient's preferences with regard to receipt of attachments.

7. A software application for transmitting electronic mail from a sender to a plurality of recipients, said software application allowing a sender to designate a recipient as one of the following categories:

a first category indicating that the recipient is a primary recipient of the electronic mail and is to receive both a text message and an attached file;

a second category indicating that the recipient is a secondary recipient of the electronic mail and is to receive both a text message and the attached file; and

a third category indicating that the recipient is a tertiary recipient of the electronic mail and is to receive a text message without the attached file.

8. A software application according to claim 7, wherein the sender and the recipients are computers connected to a network.

9. A software application according to claim 8, wherein the network is the Internet.

10. A software application according to claim 8, wherein the network is a local area network (LAN).

11. A software application according to claim 8, wherein the network is wide area network (WAN).

12. An apparatus for transmitting electronic mail from a sender to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

means for enabling the sender to input a message;

means for enabling the sender to append an attachment;

means for enabling the sender to designate at least one recipient to receive the message and the attachment; and

means for enabling the sender to designate at least one recipient to receive the message without the attachment.

13. An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the sender and the recipients are computers connected to a network.

14. An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the network is the Internet.

15. An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the network is a local area network (LAN).

16. An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the network is wide area network (WAN).

17. An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising means for enabling the recipient to create and edit a recipient profile, the profile including the recipient's preferences with regard to receipt of attachments.

18. A method for transmitting electronic mail from a sender to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

inputting a message;

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appending an attachment to the message;
designating at least one recipient of the
plurality of recipients to receive the message and the
attachment; and

designating at least one recipient of the
plurality of recipients to receive the message without
the attachment.

19. A method according to claim 18, wherein the sender
and the recipients are computers connected to a
network.

20. A method according to claim 19, wherein the
network is the Internet.

21. A method according to claim 19, wherein the
network is a local area network (LAN).

22. A method according to claim 19, wherein the
network is wide area network (WAN).

23. A method according to claim 18, further comprising
enabling the recipient to create and edit a recipient
profile, the profile including the recipient's
preferences with regard to receipt of attachments.

24. A program-controlled apparatus operable to
communicate via e-mail with one or more recipient
computers, the apparatus being operable to allow a user
of the apparatus to:

input a message;

append a attachment to the message;

designate at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message and the attachment; and

designate at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients to receive the message without the attachment.

25. An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the apparatus and the recipients are computers connected to a network.

26. An apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the network is the Internet.

27. An apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the network is a local area network (LAN).

28. An apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the network is wide area network (WAN).

29. An apparatus according to claim 24, the apparatus further being operable to enable the recipient to create and edit a recipient profile, the profile including the recipient's preferences with regard to receipt of attachments.